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## Football Smoker

EIGHT O'CLOCK SHARP.

Tonight the Faculty, Utica alumni and undergraduates of the College will assemble in the Commons and enjoy a football smoker. The musical clubs will be there with "bells on" and "Bill" Purdy has promised that a little noise at least will be made. However, we feel sure of something better than mere noise. Every member of the Faculty and football team have agreed to make long, prepared speeches. It seems only fair that this should be announced beforehand. "Prex", the inevitable and inevitably appropriate, will grace the occasion.

An admission fee of twenty-five cents will be charged all undergraduates, except the football men. The committee in charge guarantee that there will be something edible provided and also something to smoke. Let every man in College show the proper spirit by being present at eight o'clock sharp.

## The Football Team Ate.

Ever since the football heroes dined at Sherman's the air has been full of the praises of Mrs. Sherman's hospitality and superlative cuisine. Although Nellis arrived late, he hadn't eaten elsewhere, and the whole crowd pitched in to turkey and fixin's as though the team had been starving all the season. Thompson is said to have done well. Cider flowed like water. The sweet strains of Rath's orchestra insinuated content into every soul. The Golden Gate Quartette sang and no one had energy enough to criticize. Mr. Sherman spun some of his best yarns in his own irresistible manner. The Congressman, "Dick," Sherrill and "Tom", did the composite host to perfection, and Mrs. Sherman graced the occasion after dinner. The team, one and all, says "Thanks".

## The Advisory Board Meeting.

A special meeting of the Advisory Board was held last Friday, mainly to consider an offer to Mr. Watson. After considerable conservative discussion, pro and con, it was decided to offer him six hundred and fifty dollars to return next fall to coach football. It was also decided to authorize the basket-ball management to draw on the treasury to the extent of one hundred dollars to secure Mr. Watson as basket-ball coach this winter. It is understood that another hundred dollars is to be advanced from outside sources for Mr. Watson's salary. This insures a good basket-ball coach and it is greatly hoped that Mr. Watson will return next fall.

The matter of purchasing sweaters for the football team was broached, but laid over to the regular meeting for final settlement.

After some discussion it was declared the sentiment of the Board to have an informal College smoker in place of the football dinner tomorrow night. This is an experiment and promises to give better satisfaction with less labor.

## "Prex." and the Clock.

The Seniors have five hours with "Prex.," consisting of Ethics, Evidences and Debate, occurring at 8:45 on each of the first five mornings of the week. On each of these five mornings they recite approximately from 10 to 15 minutes extra, between 9:45 and 10 o'clock. During the ten weeks now passed these extra minutes of recitation aggregate between 9 and 12 hours. If now we add to this the five minutes allowed in other subjects, to get from one building to another we have a total of extra session with "Prex." of from 13 to 16 hours. Moral for the class—Take care of your moments and the hours will take care of themselves. For others—Free will is better than compulsion.

## A Retrospect.

After the football season closes every year, there is left to us two main objects of interest and subjects for small talk. The one is that of the "Exams." which loom up a month ahead, and the other is the record of the team's work during the season just completed. Now as the latter is nearer, to say nothing of its being far more pleasant to those of hedonistic temperments, let us spend a few brief minutes reviewing our past history on the gridiron.

Preliminary practice commenced on Sept 11th. Not many old men were back and no Freshmen were on hand, and when the College opened the squad was very small and light. But Coach Watson and Captain Bramley took what they had and proceeded to trim it into shape. Nellis was kept at his old stand, center; Thompson and Swetman, last year's tackles, were pulled in as guards; and Barrows and Schwartz, last year's subs, were made tackles. Sicard and LeMunyan took their old places at the ends of the line, with White working hard for the same spot. Bramley was disabled by a broken bone in his hand and A. Holley took his place at quarterback. Mann, of course, stood in his old place at fullback, and Haggerson and Moore took the halfback positions, Moore winning a place at half, though it was contested for by Roosa, Ferris, Stryker, and several other new men. This was the lineup that went down to Ithaca Sept. 27th and played Cornell to a standstill and was beaten only by an unfair extension of time on the part of Cornell, by the score of only 5-0. Not so bad when you stop to think that we averaged 158 pound, per man and they 181. Our next game was with St. Lawrence on the home field. St. Lawrence were down with a strong team and were heartily confident of victory. But with Bramley, Mann, Nellis and Haggerson out of the game, we managed to win out 12-0. Oct. 7th we met Rochester on her



own grounds and cleaned things up to the tune of 29-0, although Rochester had planned to tear us apart in fearful shape. Bramley got in this game and, although his hand was yet bandaged, put up a good game. The next number on the program was Syracuse, and although we put up a hard, snappy game and made the boys from the Salt City hustle, their weight finally told and the final score was 27-0 in favor of Syracuse. This was our first game with Syracuse in years and it was a good contest from start to finish, clean, fast and interesting, and we were beaten honestly and squarely.

On the 21st we went up to Canton and there a grand slump, on the part of every man, was the main feature. We played easily, fumbled at every opportunity and were generally disorganized. Score, Hamilton 11, St. Lawrence 11.

The St. Lawrence game seemed to wake the fellows up and on the following Saturday, in a close, exciting game, they won from Trinity 21-17.

By the next Saturday, they were again in their usual form, so much so that they trimmed Union in one of the best games of the season, 17-0, although she was confident of victory.

Of the Colgate game it is useless to talk. We all saw it. We all were proud of the game the fellows played and it makes us happy yet to think of the way they tore things up.

There is an old saying that "Last impressions are the lasting ones," and if so the team should be content. In spite of the fact that "Bram," "Nell," George, "Jim," Thompson, "Kink," Harry have time and again played brilliant games, we can think of them only as they tore up Colgate's line Nov. 11th, and next year, when the team will be lighter still than this, it will do the fellows good to think of that last game of '05. Our praise is not only for the Seniors on the team, but for all; "Swet," Schwartz, Holley and Moore were in the fight all the time and their work of that day, proves that with such a nucleus for next year's team we need not despair. We must not fail to give expression here of our appreciation of the patient, faithful, long-suffering scrub, which has stood by the 'Varsity through thick and thin. It is all over and let's give a long yell for 'Varsity, substitutes and scrub, and then all the yells we know, and sing "Carissima" at the end, with every hat off for that long line of warriors who have played their last good game for the blue

and buff: Bramley, Barrows, Bennett, Bloyer, Ferris, LeMunyan, Mann, Nellis, Roosa, Sicard, Thompson, and an encore for Coach Watson, who was the man behind the gun through all the season.

### Brooklyn Hamilton Alumni.

The Alumni reunion and banquet of the Brooklyn Association of Hamilton College Alumni was held at the University Club, Brooklyn, on Friday evening. The guests, who numbered about fifty, were received by the officers of the association, President S. F. Engs, one of the trustees of the College, and Secretary Warren I. Lee, who has just been honored by election to the Assembly from a Brooklyn district. The guests of honor were President Stryker and Dr. Oren Root, of the College. The banquet was served in fine style in the banquet hall on the third floor of the spacious club building. Grace was said by Dr. Root and the banquet was interspersed with college songs led by A. D. Scovel, '06, and B. M. Balch, '05. The banqueters recorded their names and classes as follows:

Oren Root, '56, M. W. Stryker, '72, F. A. Willard, '80, W. S. Hubbard, (Trinity '88), R. S. Griggs, '69, W. M. Butler, '70, E. W. Avery, '63, L. A. Harkness, '03, D. W. E. Burke, '93, Oren Root, Jr., '94, R. W. Vincent, '94, D. H. T. Miller, '07, L. F. Scott, '07, E. S. Carr, '04, E. N. Abbey, '05, C. S. Scovel, '04, W. A. Ferguson, '04, F. F. Brandt, '04, L. J. Ehret, '04, Robert Pattison, '87, R. L. Masseneau, '81, E. B. Parsons, '84, F. J. Swift, '85, A. G. Benedict, '72, D. W. Redmond, '01, H. M. Andrews, '99, Charles Harwood, '02, John J. Martin, '92, F. W. Holmes, '96, R. B. Marvin, '92, B. M. Balch, '95, A. D. Scovel, '96, G. W. Elkins, '87, I. L. Best, '99, N. J. Marsh, '85, Dwight Holbrook, '75, W. M. Bristol, '82, R. N. Brockway, '91, S. H. Adams, '91, A. E. Palmer, (Wesleyan '74), E. L. Stevens, '90, H. F. Hotchkiss, '84, S. F. Engs, '83, E. M. Bassett, W. B. Winchell, '80, A. C. McLachlan, '81, C. L. Lewis, '90, C. A. Green, '96.

Toastmaster Engs introduced the post-prandial program with a brief but happy speech in which he paid a glow-tribute to the College and to the splendid work of improvement which has been done there in the past dozen years, under the inspiring leadership of President Stryker. Mr. Engs then introduced

the "Nestor of the Faculty," Dr. Oren Root, who was greeted with three cheers and the College yell. Dr. Root was invited by the toastmaster "to speak as long as he could," but he didn't do it. He only talked for an hour or so. His general theme was loyalty to the College, and he spoke with all his native eloquence and fire. He lauded the "small college" and defined very clearly his idea of what the term "small college" meant. His ambition for Hamilton would be satisfied with an entering class of 70, of whom 50 would survive to graduation. An average student roll of 240 he thought would be about right, and he confidently predicted that Hamilton would soon attain that number. Dr. Root approved the policy of the College in raising the requirements for admission and predicted that the time would come when the College would have a "waiting list" of applicants for admission to her select circle of well-prepared and studious men.

President Stryker was given an ovation as he rose to speak, all the banqueters rising and joining in a ringing cheer. As the hour was late and his train left at 11:30 the President was compelled to speak briefly. He endorsed what Dr. Root had said about loyalty to the College and said that during the next ten years the burden of the loyal labor of advancing the interests of the College should fall largely upon the graduates of the eighties. He recalled briefly what had been accomplished in the past dozen years, and said that during all that time he had never doubted the fulfillment of his plans and was now more confident than ever that the College would continue to grow and prosper.

The concluding speakers were Supt. E. L. Stevens, '90, of the New York City schools, and Messrs. Palmer, of Wesleyan, and Hubbard, of Trinity, representatives of other small colleges who were guests of the occasion, and who made brilliant speeches. Louis J. Ehret, '04, responded with his accustomed grace to strenuous demands for further exhibitions of that versatility as an entertainer which made him so popular in College. His rendition of the German version of "Barbara Freitchie" was even better than his old time form.

At the conclusion of the banquet various groups of the alumni gathered to renew old associations, and a particularly jolly crowd of the younger element prolonged their festivities until an hour or more after midnight.



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THE BASKET-BALL MANAGERSHIP ought to be worked for as was the football, and we hope to see a goodly array of men working for the job. Of course only one man can be elected, but every man who works merits the commendation of the College and will get his reward in one way or another. The tendency here is to regard politics as a necessary evil, and perhaps that view in a narrow sense is right, for certainly anything is better than hypocritical purity. But certainly a gradual evolution is turning us away from the ills and headaches of factionalism, and this trying-out for managers is the practical way of getting at one side of the question. Why not have a rule instead of a custom, and have the men who intend to try, register with the manager and work under his direction. Then these men registered can stand nominated to the Advisory Board and can be adjudged on their merits. This plan is not alone feasible, but decidedly practical, and the only side of reform worth talking about is the practical side. Let's have this suggested to the next meeting of the Athletic Association.

THE SCURF POSTERS are exciting unusual comment among the underclassmen just now and some fairly sensible ideas are afloat. We think that college

sentiment would favor some moderation, at least, with a view of cutting down expense. But as for abolishing the custom entirely there is doubtless diversity of opinion. Of late years the tendency towards the unusual and bizarre in posters has led to extravagance and degeneration. The booklets that used to be the thing had their advantages and there are many who claim the virtue of a good pungent scurf thus administered. Certainly all such ventures add to class unity and a healthy class rivalry which is the bolster of good college spirit. To obtain these advantages, a moderate outlay of capital is not wasted. If both classes limit their efforts to a scurf book and perhaps a poster, all of which need cost no great sum, nor any great labor, they would certainly do well. Perhaps mature reflection and a careful canvas for college sentiment will make those radical steps advisable. The underclassmen committees on such a matter ought to be very careful and in some conclusive way, formal or informal, solicit upperclassman opinions before finally deciding.

ATHLETIC HONOR AND CLEANLINESS are among the things upon which we pride ourselves on this hillside. But we should pride ourselves equally on the matter of honor in the class-room. This means honesty in examinations and written reviews. The former are, because of the customary action of professors as police officers, *pro tem*, usually fair. The latter we fear are not always so. Leaving out of consideration all ethics regarding "cribbing", and looking at it merely from the standpoint of fairness, we must agree that, when a professor leaves the class to themselves and certain men "crib", it is eminently unfair to the honest man. This is all the more despicable if it is done merely to attain a high scholarship grade. The point of all this is, that this latter sort of cribbing seems, from known facts and resulting marks, apparently to have been done in certain reviews of this term. Such reasons for cribbing, whether it be right or wrong under some conditions, under these, is most certainly unfair to one's classmates and born of a mean desire to excel.

WEDNESDAY LAST the eight Junior debate sharks were given five questions from which to select one for their preliminary trial for the class debating team. The questions submitted by the

department were, we are told: Resolved, That the pen is mightier than the sword; Resolved, That Chinese exclusion laws are justifiable; Resolved, That intemperance has caused more suffering than war; Resolved, That Mormonism is a menace, and lastly, Resolved, That there is more pleasure in participation than in anticipation.

Now these are all splendid subjects, every one of them touches a burning issue of the day, and all have been ably treated and, we might say, fully so, countless times on every modern forensic platform. The Juniors after much deliberation chose the second number on the list, and we wish to congratulate them on getting this good old standby. It is right in line with our theory of sticking fast to our dear old traditions. The Class of 1906 debated this proposition at least half a dozen times, during Sophomore and Junior years; and the department only knows how many times previous classes grew warm in argument over its phases. It is a good sign this clinging to the past. It shows that we are not mere creatures of the moment, bothered by the passing thought; but real philosophers, willing to walk in the already traversed realms of thought in the hope of finding the real nature of the problem.

## Inter-Fraternity Job Lots.

Wednesday afternoon before a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators, the Psi U's went down to defeat before the whirlwind D. K. E. aggregation, in a hotly contested basket-ball game. The score, 25 to 1 in favor of the "Dekes", by no means gives a true idea of the game. It was replete with thrilling tackles, long runs, fine diving and every now and then a basket shot by the redoubtable Moore. He covered not only his man, but most of the floor, and some of the time even essayed the walls of the "Gym". The way that he broke up the interference of the Psi U team was nothing short of remarkable. Darting into a struggling mass of players, he would reappear shortly with the ball tightly clasped in his embrace and presto! another basket would be added to his list. The solitary point obtained by the Psi U's was really an accident. Jones got a try at goal from a foul and in the heat of the excitement he dropped the ball into the basket without thinking what he was about. Fitch in a gray "kimona" was especially in evidence



during the second half, and the game which he and Osborne played would not look well on the floor of a ladies' seminary. The love-taps they handed each other could have been heard a block. With the utmost daring the Psi U's tried many goals during the game, but all were shot at and missed. Umpire Gordon rendered efficient service and several times took his life in his hands by going onto the floor to separate the struggling contestants. In short, the game was a walk-away with Moore in it. If he had been out it would certainly have been much more even and interesting. As it was it amounted to a farce. A very noticeable feature of the game was the difficulty shown by most of the players in keeping their feet. More than anything else the poses during the game resembled those seen on a roller-skating rink, when a beginner attempts to round a curve. However, it was no laughing matter for the players, and their efforts to maintain their balance served only to augment the amusement of the spectators. As Dooley says of football: "'Tis a noble sport when properly played, but otherwise—far be it from such."

#### Y. M. C. A. Notes.

Dr. Root speaks tomorrow at 5 o'clock on "The Value of Decision". Dr. Root is always ready to come to our help and we feel confident that a large audience will be present. We are sure to hear something interesting and helpful.

The reports last Sunday of McLean and Maynard on the Auburn Conference were listened to with interest.

That Handbook. — After examining the work of the printer, the time of its completion was so indefinite, that out of justice to our advertisers the committee were about to cancel it entirely. A new deal was struck with the delinquent printer, however, and it is hoped that the book will be out shortly after Thanksgiving. It was on the authority of the printer that the statement was made in last LIFE that the work was most done. We regret that this book should be so delayed, that much of its utility is gone. However, it was quite unavoidable.

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—Skinner, '01, was on the Hill Wednesday.

—No repairs on the Hill yet. Isn't it about time?

—Someone said of Coupe's hat: "That caps the climax."

—Dr. Babcock was serenaded Wednesday night by the football men.

—The articles on "Athletic Graft" in Collier's should be read by every college man.

—"Heine" White gave a lecture in Herkimer last Saturday upon "Education."

—Both classes have begun practice for the Sophomore-Freshman basketball game.

—Gibbons took pictures of the Junior, Sophomore and Freshman classes on Wednesday.

—George Allen has been inquiring whether Easter comes this Thursday or next Thursday.

—"Hod" Holley has introduced the custom of keeping awake in class by smoking cigarettes.

—The football men had a feed and a good time on Benedict, Wednesday evening. Carnegie knew that they were there, all right.

—The Library is being catalogued. This accomplished, perhaps we can occasionally find a book.

—The lectures which Dr. Squires is giving to upperclassmen are very interesting as well as instructive.

—The large squad out for basket-ball is most encouraging. The Freshmen, especially, are well represented.

—Kuolt, '07, attended the bartenders' dance in Utica on Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning, and reports a very enjoyable time.

—"Bib." to Old English class: "Why, Mr. Rood, you ought to be able to pronounce that word. It is the name of a beautiful woman."

—"Wardie" got rid of his accustomed number of luminous sayings during the past week. Among others he informed the Sophomores that "it breaks into the continuity of your translations to read your notes while reciting."

—"Dribbles" has been lecturing to the Sophomores upon the frieze of the Parthenon. He has really seemed to warm up to his subject.

—Owing to its numbers, the Freshman Bible class has been divided into two sections, one meeting under Allen and the other under Meeker.

—When "Wardie" asked "Tad" Weekes why he was hesitating in his translation, "Tad" told him that he was afraid of being too flowery.

—At the Sophomore class meeting on Wednesday, the report of the "Hop" Committee was presented. The report shows a deficit of 29 cents per man.

—"Uncle John" is working out a number of Freshmen whom he considers likely men for the "Gym" show. Now is the time to get out, if you have any aspirations.

—The irony of fate is against the Freshmen. In Latin prose the other morning, one was called on for the Caesarian version of "They live for the most part on milk."

—The Glee Club held a rehearsal on Thursday. From the showing thus far, it would seem that the second tenors are the weakest. But this part will be brought up to the standard eventually.

—Human nature has not changed much in nineteen hundred years, to wit Cicero's statement: *Ut magis delectatur, qui in prima cavea spectat*. So that those take more delight who sit in the bald-headed row.

—Melrose, '06, spoke in Utica last Sunday on the "Northfield Conference" and its importance.

—Has any one noticed the green pane that now adorns the window of the Gymnasium door? Its fellows are all red, so that the door begins to look as though it got the worst of paint night.

—Some day some one will realize how ridiculously inconsistent it is to have lines of hose throughout Carnegie, a fire-proof building, while old North is allowed to go unprotected and unlighted. Fire extinguishers in the halls would be in order.

—"Fat" Williams and Joralemon, '05, swore off eating last Sunday, and kept the fast until Wednesday noon. "Fat" didn't show the effects, but "Tiny" was as emaciated as "a horrible example from India."

—For the edification of the Freshmen, "Square" has announced an addendum review for the day after Thanksgiving. Nobody saw the joke when he said it would be an addendum to the Thanksgiving dinner, but then, maybe there wouldn't be any Thanksgiving if it came before.

—"Square" has changed his plans so that the algebra reviews will not begin the day after Thanksgiving. This will be much appreciated by the Freshmen and will allow many to spend Thanksgiving at home.

—The New York *Herald* spoke of what pluck Dartmouth showed in going up against a team averaging some eight pounds heavier than themselves. If this took grit, how about it when a team meets and outplays another which outweighs them by twenty pounds?

—Some may be disappointed tonight when cider is not served at the football smoker. The fact is that this popular beverage is not permissible within the walls of the College Commons. Alas, how different from the good old times. However, there may be a few barrels on tap just outside.

—What a wealth of beauty of form and face gathered on the steps of Root Hall last Wednesday. Gibbon did the honors and was on hand with the usual remarks of "Will that good looking gentleman in the gray suit please come down a step?" 'Tis said that the man was usually recognized by the last part of the description.

—The Sophomores once more attempted to listen to Freshmen declama-



tions at Wednesday noon chapel; but again they were deprived of that privilege. While the next to the last declaration was being given, the Sophomores, forming under one of the open windows, entertained the Freshmen with yells and songs. They even became bolder and started up the stairs. But alas! at the very door they were forced to retreat at a signal from "Hank."

—There is a movement on foot to abolish the publication of scurf posters by the underclasses. It is said that the plan meets with the approval of both classes, although no official action has been taken. Some mathematically inclined person has figured out that it is pretty expensive amusement to pay \$75 or \$100 for a few brief hours of mud-slinging. Committees representing the two classes will get together and decide either to totally abolish the scurf posters, or else find some middle way by which the same results can be produced but with less expense than in the past.

### The Debate Teams.

The Senior class has chosen the team to meet the Juniors: McLean, Melrose, Purdy and Drummond. The inter-class debate will come off early in February and immediately the team to debate the College of the City of New York will be chosen, as the Seniors decided to give the Juniors a chance to make the team. The New York question will be, in substance, "That the Insurance Companies be under Federal Supervision. Sides have not yet been picked. The Junior team is not yet chosen but will be a good one, and a hot debate is to be expected.

### Athletic Honor.

We quote from Caspar Whitney in the November *Outing*: "Let us do everything to root out of college competitive sport that dread demon of despair—suspicion. Here are the rules, and all the rules, I should like to see adopted by every college in America:

"A candidate for membership in any athletic team must be, first, an amateur; second, must be a bonifide student taking the average number of hours; third, must be in good classroom standing; fourth, must have been in residence one academic year. An amateur is one who has never used his athletic skill for pecuniary or any material profit. These rules are to be interpreted in the spirit of the law which obtains among sportsmen.

Every college faculty is the sponsor of its own teams. No protests are to be made or considered. A tribunal for the discussion of questions upon which light is desired or for rule making to govern competition shall be composed of one representative each from Harvard, Yale, Princeton, appointed by the faculty, one each from the New England and Southern Intercollegiate Associations; two from the Middle West; one from the Pacific Coast; and one at large not identified with any college, and to be elected by the others. No paid coach or trainer or 'physical director' to be eligible to this tribunal. The decisions of the tribunal to be final."

### Among the Colleges.

Andrew Carnegie has presented Union with \$100,000 for a general engineering building, provided the college authorities raise a like amount.

The college authorities at Union have abolished chapel rushes.

Pennsylvania starts upon her sesquicentennial session this year, having been founded in 1756.

On account of the introduction of the tutorial system at Princeton, several changes have been made in the faculty. Princeton now has a faculty of 138 professors and instructors.

President Wheeler, of the University of California, in addressing the Freshmen of that institution declared that he was against "bleacher athletics." He further said that he would try, to a certain extent, to put an end to "rooting" at football practice.

President Seelye of Smith College has received an offer of a million dollars and an eighty-acre tract of land, provided that institution be removed from Northampton, Mass., to Joliet, Mass. It is believed that no change of location will be made for some time, at least.

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